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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT IL-11 IN YEAST**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Recombinant IL-11 is expressed in yeast, then isolated from aerobic fermentation media by precipitation, solubilization of the precipitate in the presence of a denaturant, and renaturation of the solubilized protein. Renatured rhIL-11 is further purified by cation exchange and hydrophobic interaction chromatography to provide a highly purified rhIL-11 with high biological activity and low rhIL-11 dimer and oxidized rhIL-11 content.